GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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INVENTION OF ORAL INSULIN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether oral insulin has been invented under the supervision of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research;

(b) whether clinical trials on humans have been conducted; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): The Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu, a constituent unit of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)has standardized the heart wood extract of plant traditionally called Vijaysar (Pterocarpus marsupium) for anti diabetic activity. The multi-centric clinical trials for the said extract (drug) to be taken up in capsular form by diabetic patients are in progress. The drug would be commercialized once the clinical trials are over successfully.